

articulation

the clear and precise
pronunciation of
words

audible

able to be heard

booming

a voice that is loud
and fills the room

breathy

speaking on the
exhale, such as
Marilyn Monroe

diaphragm

the muscle below
the rib cage

emphasis

the stress placed upon a syllable, word, group of words or portion of a speech

inflection

variety in pitch to reflect changing thoughts or emotions

monotone

speech with little or no inflection

nasal

talking through the nasal cavity (Minnesota & Wisconsin)

pause

a brief suspension or hesitation of the voice

pitch

how high or low
your voice is

projection

controlling volume and
clearness of the voice so
that it can be heard by an
audience

pronunciation

saying the words
using the correct
sound

range

the distance between the
highest and lowest tones a
person can make without
straining the voice

raspy

gravelly voice, can
be associated with
smokers voice

rate

how fast or slow
you speak

shrill

high pitch and
grating (annoying)

vocal quality

whether your voice is
shrill, nasal, raspy,
breathing, booming, etc.